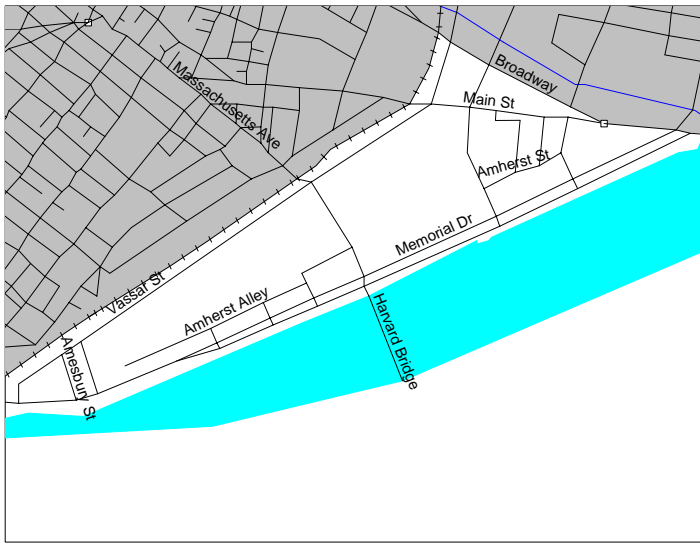
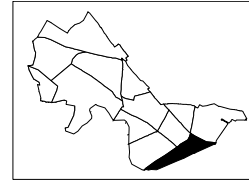


# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

## M.I.T. AREA



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,486 residents  
794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

### COMPARISON OF 3<sup>RD</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	1	2	0	0	1
Street Robbery	1	1	2	0	2
Auto Theft	17	21	18	4	8
Larceny from MVs	23	18	25	10	18
Malicious Destruction	9	16	8	6	12
Drug Arrests	4	6	1	2	1

### 2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

Three quarters of the **auto thefts** in M.I.T. took place between June and August of this year. Vassar Street was the main location for repeat incidents. The thefts took place throughout the week, but were concentrated in the afternoon hours. • There has only been one reported **housebreak** since the beginning of the year, which resulted in the arrest of a man who was wandering the halls of an M.I.T. building with stolen property. • The two **street robberies** since the beginning of the year took place in the third quarter. One incident involved an intoxicated victim, who recalled that the perpetrators were armed but otherwise remembered very little about the incident. The other incident started out as a fight until one of the participants forcefully took a cell phone from the victim. • **Malicious destruction of property** has doubled in comparison to last year. The majority of incidents involved damage to motor vehicles. For example in early January four SUVs had their windows smashed. • Like auto thefts, **larceny from motor vehicles** were concentrated at Vassar Street, particularly along the 200 to 300 blocks. Nearly half of the car breaks involved entry through a smashed window. Over a third of the breaks took place during the third quarter, with nighttime and daytime breaks being almost equal. Toyotas and Jeeps were the most targeted vehicles. There were three arrests for car breaks during the summer months, two of which were conducted by M.I.T. Police. • There was only one **drug arrest** for marijuana, which took place in August at Cambridge Center.

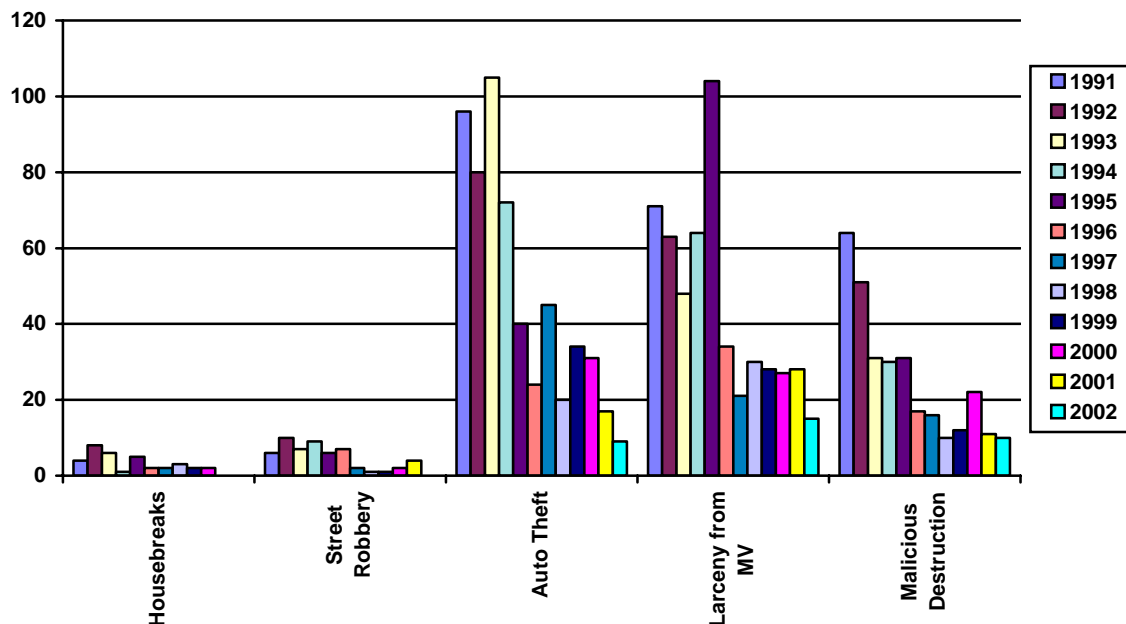
## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.*

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto theft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Fleet ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.

## ANNUAL TOTALS



## ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	13
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	12
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	12
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	13
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13

\*RANKS ARE OUT OF 13 NEIGHBORHOODS, WITH 1 INDICATING THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE AND 13 THE LOWEST